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## On the cover

January begins a new year that offers lots of exciting things for Soldiers and their Families to do right here in their own community and in the tri-state area. Be sure to use this month's Quality Time to plan your weekend getaways with your Family.



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# Commander's Letter

**H**appy New Year! I hope you and your Family had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Now as we begin another event-filled year, let's be mindful of our loved ones serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers; continue to send them letters, packages and e-mail messages. Let's make them a part of our day-to-day lives in the coming year.

One activity you may want to tell your loved one about is the **Polar Bear Plunge** at Tybee Island, Jan. 1. Be sure to send him or her pictures of your chilling experience in cold Atlantic.

If you love BBQ, take a trip down to Tallahassee, Fla. for the **PigFest BBQ Competition**, Jan. 9. You can sample the winning BBQ and enjoy a folk festival, all at the North Florida Fair Grounds. But if you're a deer hunter or you just love venison, make plans to be at Club Stewart for the **Wildlife Gala and Venison Cook-off**, also Jan. 9. Sample the winning venison recipes and browse the wildlife displays. The winner of the Wildlife Photo Contest will also be announced during this event.

**M**aybe you like to snow ski, or maybe you just like the cool, crisp mountain air in the wintertime. If so, sign up for the **Leisure Travel Office's Gatlinburg Trip** by Jan. 4 for the trip, Jan. 15-17. Spend the weekend on the slopes of the Great Smoky Mountains or shopping in downtown Gatlinburg. The \$300 cost is a great deal for this trip because it includes transportation, lodging for up to four people per room and a ticket to a comedy show. But if you'd rather stay closer to home where the temperatures are more agreeable, come to **Savannah's Home & Garden Show**, also Jan. 15-17. Home fashion celebrities, seminars, plus home and garden exhibits may give you some helpful information about remodeling your own home.

Are you musically challenged, can't play anything more complicated than your CD player? If you'd like to learn how to play a simple, beautiful-sounding folk instrument, plan a trip up to Appling, Ga., and sit down to a **Dulcimer Jam at Mistletoe State Park**, Jan. 16. Their hands-on demonstrations could have you playing the dulcimer like a pro.

On Jan. 18, you have a choice of two opportunities to celebrate the life of pastor and civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15, 1929. You can celebrate **MLK Day** with parade in Savannah or in downtown Hinesville, Jan. 18.

Now that you've learned to play the dulcimer, pack up the Family and head back up to Augusta for a **Blue Highway Bluegrass Concert**, Jan. 22. This nationally-known bluegrass band will be joined by bluegrass gospel's Kenny and Amanda Smith Band. Take along your new dulcimer, and maybe they'll let you sit in on a few songs.

**M**ost of us at one time or another have wanted to own a boat. If you have, plan a trip up to Charleston, S.C. for the **Charleston Boat Show**, Jan. 22-24. This three day nautical show includes something for everybody. Be sure to also visit Hilton Head Island, Jan. 24-30 for their 2nd annual **Restaurant Week**, and enjoy some of the island's great seafood dishes. But if you're looking for something sweet, chocolate lovers will want to head down to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. for their 8th annual **Chocolates of the World Gala Dinner and Dessert Competition**, Jan. 31.

January events include lots of fun activities and great food for the whole Family. Use the Army Family Covenant and Community Calenders to plan your Family activities and share your adventures with loved ones down range. Have fun and be safe.

**"Rock of the Marne"**



**Colonel Kevin W. Milton**  
**Garrison Commander**  
**Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield**





## ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

### Keeping the Promise

# January events in support of the Army Family Covenant



**Jan. 9**

**Wildlife Gala & Venison Cook-off** - All are invited to the Wildlife Gala and Venison Cook-off at Club Stewart, building 405. Entry deadline is Jan. 5 for the venison cook-off, presented by the Pass & Permit Office. Only one entry per Family.

Gala includes great food and wildlife displays. Prizes will be awarded for the Big Buck Contest held September through December. Also, winners of the Wildlife Photo Contest held in December will be announced. Cook-off categories judged: deer chili, deer sausage and deer steaks. Prizes for each category include: 1st place - \$60; 2nd place - \$40; and 3rd place - \$20. Call 435-8061 for more information.



**Jan. 15-17**

**Gatlinburg Trip-Skiing & Sightseeing** - Join us for a weekend of fun riding the mountains of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort by skiing, snow boarding or tubing. Experience winter in the Great Smokey Mountains! The \$300 cost includes 2-night stay with hotel accommodations for 1-4 people per room at the Westgate River Terrace Resort, bus transportation and admission ticket to Hypnosis Theatre Comedy Show. Call 767-2841 for more information.



**Jan. 29**

**Hawks vs. Celtics Basketball Trip** - Come see an exciting 7:30 p.m. game between Atlanta Hawks and Boston Celtics at Phillips Arena. Registration deadline is Dec. 15. The \$50 cost includes transportation and admission ticket. Call 767-2841 for more information.

# Ongoing FMWR Events

## Monday through Friday

### "Toddler Time" at Cypress Sam's

Toddlers up to 5 years old are invited to play at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Socks are required. The cost is \$1 per child playing. Call 767-9884 for more information.

## Monday and Thursday

### Dollar Days at Stewart Lanes

Get a great deal on bowling, Mondays and Thursdays at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450 when bowling is just \$1.75 per person per game, and shoe rental is \$1.75. Join us from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 767-4273 for more information.

### BCT Discount Bowling

Is your spouse deployed? If so, bring the immediate Family to Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays for a special discount. Each immediate Family Member receives three free games of bowling. Bowling shoe rental is just \$1.75. Sign-in will be required. Call 767-4273 for more information.

### Lunch 'n Bowl at Stewart Lanes

Each weekday, Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, will serve a special fast lunch special from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to get you fed, so you can enjoy some bowling. The \$7.50 per person cost includes lunch, two games of bowling and rental shoes. Call 767-4273 for more information.

## Every Wednesday

### Toddler Bowling Class

Bring the little ones to Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449 on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., so they can learn the basics of bowling, toddler-style. The \$1 cost includes all instructional fees and equipment. Call 767-9884 for more information.

# Community Highlights

## for January

### 2nd Annual "Top of the Wall Challenge"

Jan. 1

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, the 2nd Annual "Top of the Wall Challenge" gets under way at Corkan Family Fun Center's Extreme Climbing Room. There will be a winner in each of three categories: adult male, adult female and children ages 8-18. The prize for each winner is one year of free admission to use the climbing room.

The challenge is to climb all routes available in the climbing room. This contest will continue during normal operating hours until we find the warrior who can master all routes (except the lead course) at the Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. Cost to take the challenge is \$3.50 per hour before 4 p.m. and \$7 per hour after 4 p.m. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### Track & Field, Spring Soccer Registration

Jan. 4

Registration for Track & Field and Spring Soccer begins Jan. 4. Open to all Child, Youth and School Services members ages 7-14 as of Dec. 31, 2010 for Track & Field; and ages 4-13 as of April 1, 2010 for spring soccer. Register at Fort Stewart CYSS building 443 on Gulick Avenue. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Call 767-2312 for registration procedures, or 767-4371 for more information on sports programs.

### Roller Skating's Birthday

Jan. 4

Come and help us to celebrate the birth of roller skating with matinee rates all day at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. We'll be open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The \$2.50 cost per session includes all instructional fees and equipment. Call 767-9884 for more information.



**Wildlife Gala and Venison Cook-off****Jan. 9**

The second annual Wildlife Gala and Venison Cook-off will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Jan. 9 at Club Stewart. Those who wish to compete can register through Jan. 5. The fee of \$7 per entry must be paid at the Pass & Permit Office prior to the event. Only one entry per household permitted.

Categories for the event are deer chili, deer steak, and deer sausage. Cash prizes are \$60 for first place, \$40 for second place and \$20 for third place.

Winners of the Big Buck Contest, held from Sept. 12 through Dec. 31, will be announced and the winning photographs in the Pass & Permit Wildlife Photo Contest will be displayed. There is no charge to attend the gala. For more information, call Fort Stewart Pass & Permit at 435-8033, or Hunter Army Airfield at 315-5163.

**Cardio Incentive Program at Hunter****Jan. 11**

The Cardio Incentive Program begins Jan. 11 at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919 at Hunter Army Airfield. Start off 2010 on the right foot with this free, ongoing, self-directed fitness program. The program is open to active duty military, Reserves, retirees, Family Members and Army Civilians.

The program allows the patron to record information on a cardio incentive card, with the ultimate goal of reaching certain milestones. Some of the milestone awards being offered are a water bottle for reaching the 100-mile mark, a T-shirt for reaching 250 miles and a certificate of accomplishment for reaching 500 miles. Why not use these incentives to motivate yourself to stay on the right fitness track this year? Call 315-2019 for more details about this program.

**Leisure Travel's Gatlinburg Trip****Jan. 15-17**

Join Leisure Travel for a weekend of fun riding the mountains of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort by skiing, snow-boarding or tubing, Jan. 15-17. Experience winter in the Great Smoky Mountains. The registration deadline is Jan. 4 for this trip to beautiful Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The \$300 cost includes two-night stay with hotel accommodation for 1-4 people per room in the Westgate River Terrace Resort, bus transportation and admission ticket to the Hypnosis Theatre Comedy Show.

Call the Leisure Travel Office at 767-2841 for more information.



# Ongoing FMWR Events

**Every Wednesday****Ladies Mid-Week Escape**

You've made it to Wednesday, so let Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, give you the break with a morning out. Get two games of bowling, rental shoes and a fountain drink for \$5 per person from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 767-4273 for more information.

**Every Thursday****Roller Skating Class**

Do you want to learn how to skate? We'll show you how at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449 from 6 to 8 p.m., every Thursday. So come on out and learn all the basics. The cost is \$5 per session and includes all instructional fees and equipment.

Call 767-9884 for more information.

**"Tweenie Nite" at Corkan Teen Center**

Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438, opens its doors Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Tweenie Nite. Pre-teens ages 10-12 may use the Teen Center for their own free night of fun. All "tweenies" require a military ID card for entrance, and we'll let in three friends without an ID card. Remember to ask your parents for permission.

Call 767-3781 for more information.

**Children's Winter-Themed Cards**

Children can enjoy an hour of making delightful winter-themed cards with Jean Patterson at the George P. Hays Library Children's Room at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 7, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21. Activity is in partnership with the Child, Youth & School Services' EDGE Program. Twenty-five children will be able to participate per session. Children must be registered through at 767-2312.

Call 767-1341 for more information.



# **Cardio Incentive Program**

**Jan. 11, 2010**

## **Hunter Army Airfield, Tominac Fitness Center**

**Start off 2010 on the right foot with this free, self-directed fitness program open to active duty military, Reserves, retirees, Family Members and Army Civilians.**

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**Milestone awards include a water bottle for reaching the 100-mile mark, a T-shirt for reaching 250 miles and a certificate of accomplishment for reaching 500 miles.**

**Call 315-2019 for more details about this program.**



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**"Customer Service Day" at Corkan Jan. 18**

On Jan. 18, matinee rates will be in effect at all Corkan Family Recreation facilities from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Girlfriends Day Bouldering at Corkan Jan. 21**

Ladies, get out and enjoy a night of getting all those frustrations out with a brisk climb at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 21. The cost is \$3.50 per person. The fee includes climbing, equipment and instruction. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Children's Valentine's Day Cards Jan. 28**

Children can get a jump on making Valentine's Day cards with Kathy Anhorn at the George P. Hays Library Children's Room. Activity begins at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 28.

The activity is in partnership with the Child, Youth & School Services EDGE Program. Twenty-five children will be able to participate per session. Children must be registered through Central Registration at 767-2312. Call FMWR partnership specialist Darnell Braggs at 767-1341 for more information.

**"Dive-in Movie" at Tominac Indoor Pool Jan. 29**

Bring your floats and enjoy the movie "Ice Age" as you lounge in the pool at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919 at Hunter Army Airfield. The fun begins at 6 p.m. There is no charge.

Open to active duty military, Reserves, retirees, Family Members, Army Civilians and guests of DoD ID card holders. Children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



# Ongoing FMWR Events

**Every Friday****"Tweenie Nite" at Corkan Family Center**

If it's Friday, it's "Tweenie Nite" at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, when pre-teens ages 10-12 can have their own night of fun from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per game of Laser Tag and \$5 to skate. Skate fee includes skate rental. Remember to ask your parents for permission. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Every Sunday****Teen Wii Challenge at Corkan Teen Center**

The staff at Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438, will challenge teens against teens in Wii competition from 3 to 8 p.m., every Sunday. There's no charge, and the daily winner can win two free games at any Corkan facility. Call 767-3781 for more information.

**"Red Pin Bowling" at Stewart Lanes**

"Red Pin Bowling" returns to Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, from 6 p.m. until closing time at 9 p.m. You can win a free game. Here's how: if the red pin comes down in the No. 1 position, notify a staff member then roll a strike. Come out and try your luck. The cost is just \$2 per game per person. Shoe rental is \$1.75. Call 767-4273 for more information.

**Everyday****Corkan Elite Laser Tag**

Compete in the Corkan Family Fun Center's Elite Laser Quest. All during the month, we will print and record all scores and award the high scorers with two free games at any Corkan Family Recreation facility. There are three age categories: 5 to 12, 13 to 18, and 18 and over, plus two team categories, Families and active duty Soldiers. Cost is \$5 per person per game to participate. Call 767-9884 for more information.



# Tri-State Events in January



## Jan. 1 Take a Polar Bear Plunge

**Tybee Island, Ga.** – This event has become a Tybee tradition, held every Jan. 1 at noon at the Tybee Pier on the south end of the island. Join us for an invigorating plunge in the cold Atlantic. Call (912) 667-8702 for registration information. **Directions:** Take I-95 to Abercorn Street then take Abercorn all the way to Victory Drive/U.S. 80. Take U.S. 80 to Tybee Island. Follow U.S. 80 to far end of the island. Tybee Pier is near the end of the road, ocean side. **#1 on Map**

## Jan. 9 Join us for a Pigfest Competition

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Some of the southeast's best BBQ chefs will be competing at the Pigfest Barbeque Competition and a Folk Festival at the North Florida Fairgrounds, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sample the winning BBQ and other great Southern cuisine, and enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts and a country fair. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Call (850) 222-2043 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 South to I-295 then I-10 West to Tallahassee. At exit 203, turn south on FLA-61. Take FLA-61/Thomasville Rd. south beyond the state capitol to Paul Russell Road. Look for exit to fairgrounds. **#2 on Map**

## Jan. 15-17 Come to a Home & Garden Show

**Savannah, Ga.** – Celebrities, seminars and high-quality home and garden exhibits make this a unique home show. Come by the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, and get inspired with new ideas for your home or business. Call (210) 408-0998 for ticket information. **Directions:** Take I-95 North to I-16 East then take I-16 East to downtown Savannah. Cross the Talmadge Memorial Bridge then take Wayne Shackelford Boulevard to International Drive. **#3 on Map**



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**Jan. 16**

**Sit down for a Dulcimer Jam**



**Appling, Ga.** – Come to Mistletoe State Park for a concert you won't soon forget. The dulcimer is a beautiful folk instrument and one of the easiest to play. Join in hands-on demonstrations, and you will soon be sounding like a professional. If you already have a dulcimer, bring it along for tuning and playing tips. Free admission with \$5 parking. Call (706) 541-0321 for more information.

**Directions:** Take GA-119 through Fort Stewart to Pembroke then take GA-67 to Statesboro. In Statesboro, get on U.S. 25 and take it to Augusta, taking I-520 West around to I-20 West, taking it to U.S. 221. Take U.S. 221 North to Appling. Look for signs directing you to park. **#4 on Map**

**Jan. 18**

**Celebrate MLK Day in Savannah**

**Savannah, Ga.** – Savannah celebrates the life

and times of this civil rights pioneer with a parade through the historic district. Call (912) 234-5502 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 North to I-16 East then take I-16 East to Montgomery Street; turn left on Liberty Street then right on Martin Luther King Boulevard to Broughton Street. **#5 on Map**

**Jan. 18**

**Celebrate MLK Day in Hinesville**

**Hinesville, Ga.** – The city of Hinesville celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a parade through downtown. Call (912) 876-3564 for more information. **Directions:** The parade takes place in downtown Hinesville, beginning at Bradwell Park. **#6 on Map**





**Jan. 22****Enjoy Blue Highway Bluegrass Concert**

**Augusta, Ga.** – Enjoy one of bluegrass music's great bands, Blue Highway, along with the bluegrass-gospel group Kenny and Amanda Smith Band at the Imperial Theater on Broad Street in downtown Augusta. Tickets start at \$12.50. Call (706) 828-3867 for more information. **Directions:** Take GA-119 through Fort Stewart to Pembroke then take GA-67 to Statesboro. Take U.S. 25 to Augusta until it intersects with Broad Street. Theater is located at 749 Broad Street. **#7 on Map**

**Jan. 22-24****See the Charleston Boat Show**

**Charleston, S.C.** – If you've ever dreamed of owning your own boat, come on up to Charleston for a three-day boating extravaganza and experience the greatest nautical event in South Carolina's Low country. In addition to boating exhibits, there'll be live entertainment, great food, children's inflatables and kids' fishing clinics. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 4 to 12. For more information, go to [www.thecharlestonboatshow.com/](http://www.thecharlestonboatshow.com/). **Directions:** Take I-95 North to exit 33 then take U.S. 17 to Charleston. Boat show is at the Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., North Charleston. **#8 on Map**

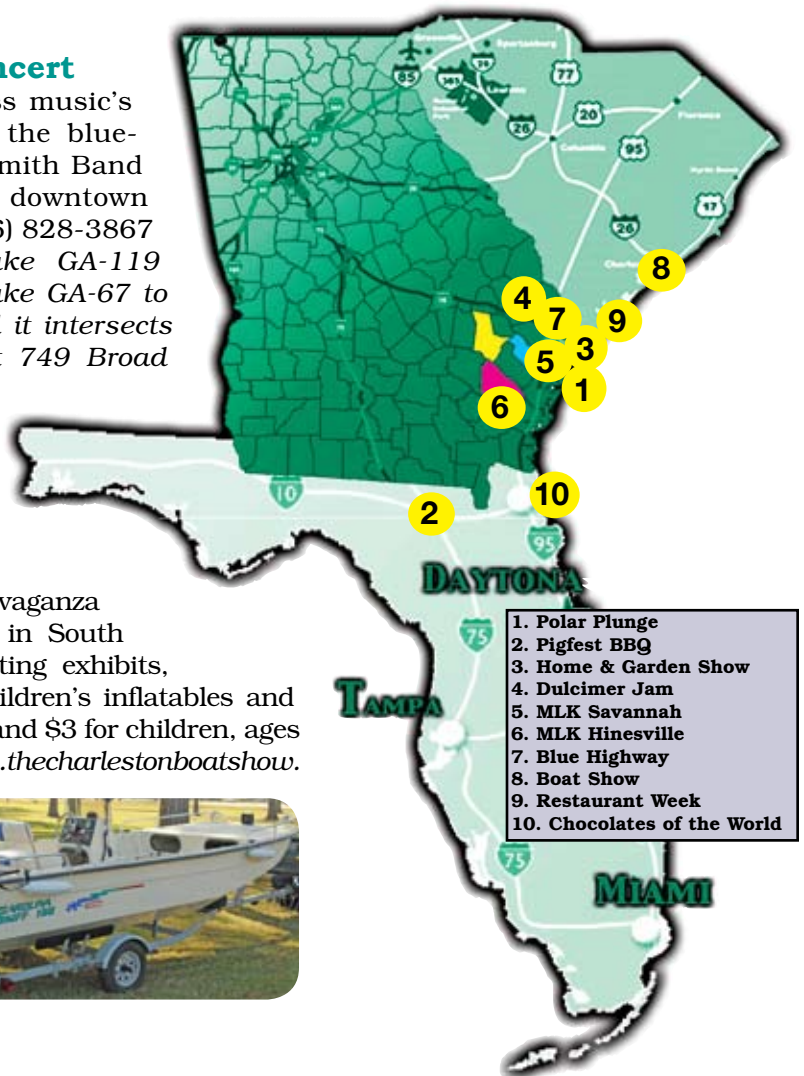
**Jan. 24-30****Celebrate food during Restaurant Week**

**Hilton Head Island, S.C.** – The 2nd annual Restaurant Week, hosted by the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, will feature participating local restaurants offering special "prix fixe" menus throughout the week. Hilton Head and Bluffton have more than 250 restaurants offering a wide variety of dining experiences. Call (843) 785-3673 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 North to exit 8 then take U.S. 278 East to Hilton Head Island. **#9 on Map**

**Jan. 31****Chocolate lovers needed at Ponte Vedra**

**Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.** – Indulge yourself in the

ultimate chocolate lover's experience – the 8th annual Chocolates of the World Gala Dinner and Dessert Competition. This evening of international cuisine, culture and chocolate features six top chefs and chocolate artists in sweet competition, 6 to 10 p.m. at the Sawgrass Golf Resort and Spa, a Marriott Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach. Tickets are \$75 each. Go to [www.IVCjax.com](http://www.IVCjax.com) or call (904) 346-3942 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 South beyond Jacksonville, Fla. to exit 344. Take FLA-202 East to Florida A1A, turning south to Ponte Vedra Beach. **#10 on Map**



1. Polar Plunge
2. Pigfest BBQ
3. Home & Garden Show
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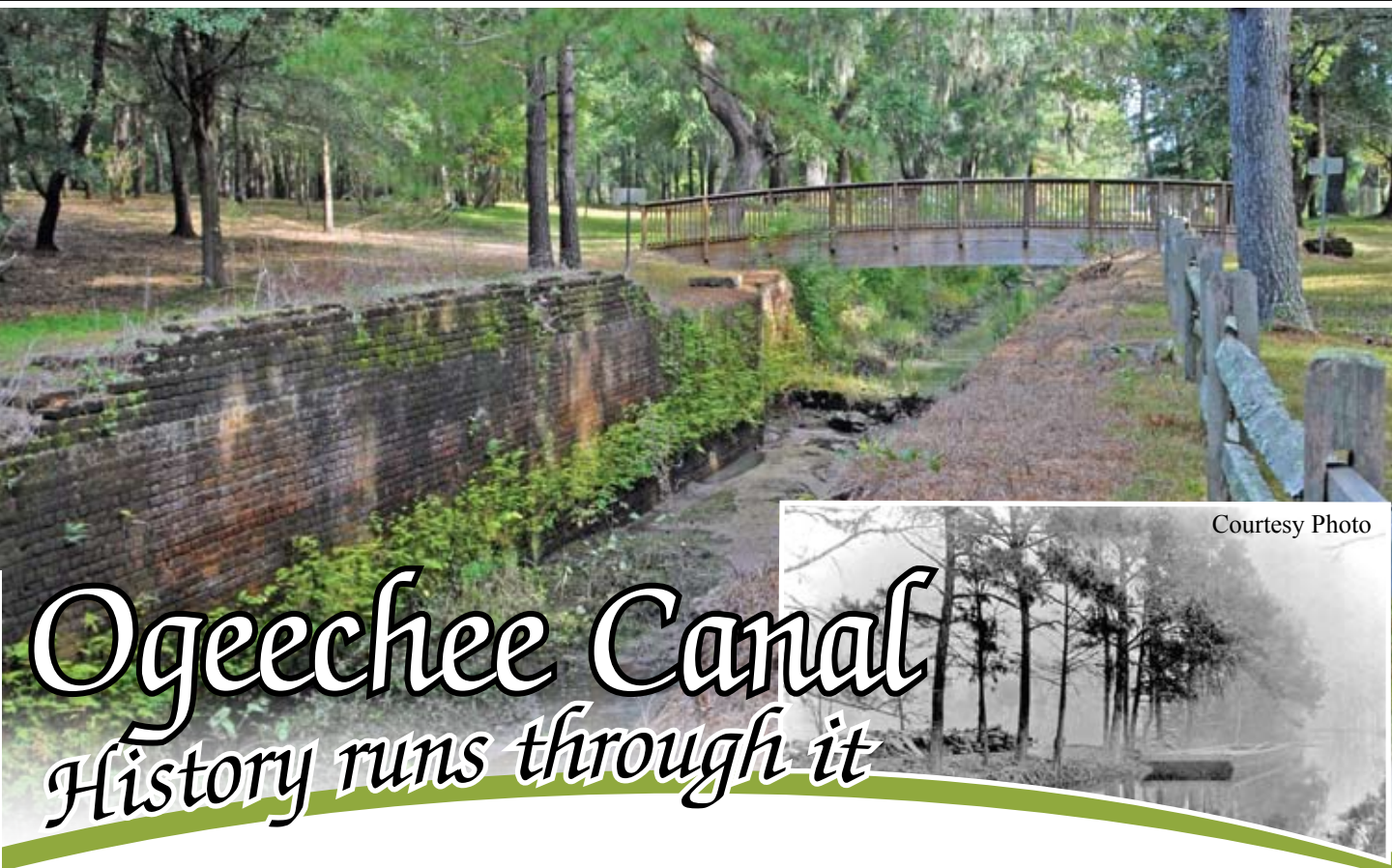


## February Highlights

**Feb. 9 Savannah Book Fest**  
**Savannah, Ga.** – National and regional best-selling authors and their avid readers will descend upon Telfair Square in historic Savannah for the 3rd annual Savannah Morning News' Savannah Book Festival. It's a free, fun event for the whole Family. Call (912) 358-0575 for more information.

**Feb. 12-13 Mardi Gras Tybee**  
**Tybee Island, Ga.** – Mardi Gras, which has origins dating back to ancient Rome and is still celebrated on the last day of Lent. Mardi Gras Tybee will include a parade, masquerade ball and street party. The event is free; parking is \$1. Call (912) 786-5393 for more information.





Courtesy Photo

# Ogeechee Canal

## History runs through it

**Randy Murray**  
Managing Editor

It starts at the Savannah River and cuts a pathway up to 50 feet wide southward to the Ogeechee River. For more than 60 years, this man-made canal was a vital part of the Coastal Georgia economy. You can walk along the banks of the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal today and follow the history that run through it by visiting the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center, located on GA-204 about two and a half miles west of I-95.

The canal was chartered to Ebenezer Jenckes in 1824 with construction beginning in 1825 and ending in 1831. Tens of thousands of cubic yards of earth had to be moved in order to dig the 16-mile long canal, labor that was done by more than 500 African slaves and Irish immigrants.

Once completed, the 5-foot deep canal had six locks and was used to move goods such as rice, cotton, naval stores, bricks, sand and lumber from inland counties to Savannah.

Timber was usually tied together to form log rafts; other goods were loaded on barges called *rice flats* and other shallow draft vessels, which were poled along by men on the barge or towed

by mules walking along the shore of the canal.

Visitors today can follow two of the trails made during 60 years of hauling goods up and down the canal. The Heel Path and Tow Path Trails run parallel to each other on either side of the canal, starting at the remains of Lock #5 and ending at remains of Lock #6 and the Ogeechee River.

If you take the Tow Path Trail to its end then follow the narrow, foot-path River Trail along the banks of the Ogeechee to the Jenckes Road Trail, be sure to notice those wooden pilings that form a line of weed-capped sentries, starting near the middle of the Ogeechee River and leading back to the opposite shore.

According to Jan Blackshire, museum director for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center, these pilings mark the remains of a bridge that used to link the canal to the opposite shore, land that is now part of Fort Stewart.

The bridge was burned by Confederate soldiers in late 1864 or early 1865, rather than allow it to accommodate the unwelcomed advances Sherman's Union forces, who had a penchant for burning everything anyway.

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# Top *of the* Wall Challenge



January 1 • Corkan Family Fun Center

Join us for the 2nd Annual "Top of the Wall Challenge" at Corkan Family Fun Center's Extreme Climbing Room.

There are three categories: adult male, adult female and children ages 8-18.

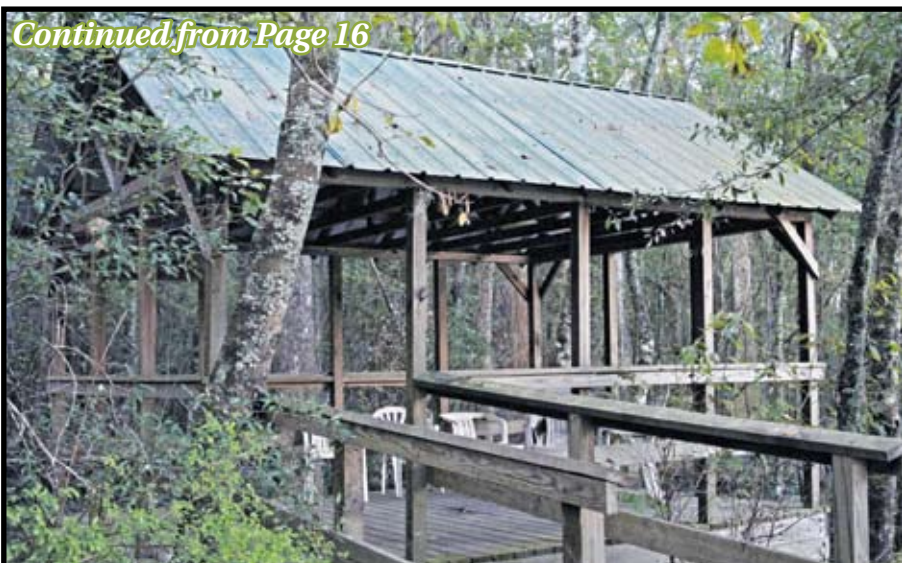
The prize for each winner is one year of free admission to use the climbing room.

Call 767-9884 for more information.

Cost to take the challenge is  
\$3.50 per hour before 4 p.m.  
and \$7 per hour after 4 p.m.



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There are seven trails open to the public that are a few hundred yards to a mile long. At least four of the trails have elevated, boarded walkways and bridges that take you through a swampy wilderness filled with local wildlife, to include deer, squirrels, marsh rabbits, raccoons, opossums and armadillos.

Take note of the variety of sub-tropical plant life too, like sawgrass palmetto, ferns and wildflowers, as well as twisted, moss-covered oaks and bald cypress trees. Try

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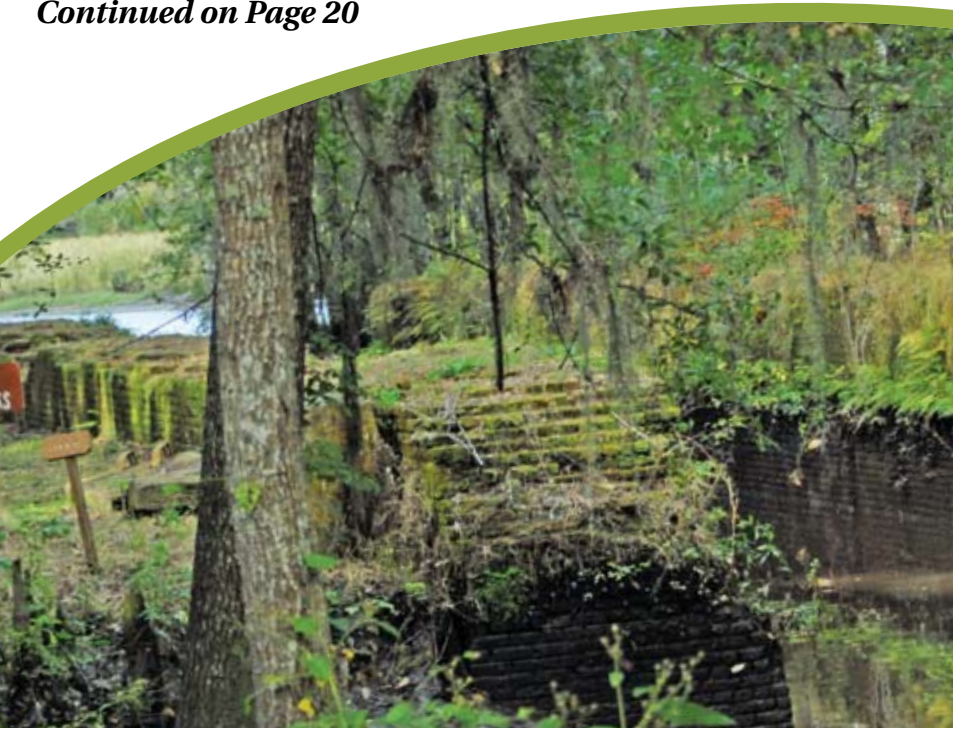
not to trip over the cypress knees that rise from the muddy earth like wooden smokestacks.

Near the museum, the kids will enjoy the butterfly garden and Gopher Tortoise area. You're welcome to take all the pictures you like of these lumbering giants, but please don't attempt to pick one up or play with it.

As for the butterflies, remember that where there are butterflies there are also bees, so be careful when trying to get those close-up pictures.

All trails are pet friendly, but the museum staff does ask that pets be kept on a leash. Also, be aware that some trails are subject to closing due to flooding. Here's a list of the trails open to the public:

- **Tow Path Trail**  
.4 miles
- **Heel Path Trail**  
.4 miles
- **Jenckes Road Trail**  
.5 miles
- **River Trail**  
.5 miles
- **Ridge Trail**  
.15 miles
- **Holly Trail**  
.5 miles
- **Sand Hill Road Trail**  
1 mile



# Wildlife Gala & Venison Cook-off

**5 p.m., January 9 • Club Stewart, building 405**

(entry deadline for cook-off Jan. 5)

Venison Cook-off presented by Pass & Permit Office. All are invited to the cook-off, Wildlife Gala and announcement of winners of the Wildlife Photo Contest held in Dec.

## Wildlife Gala:

Great food and local wildlife displays.

Prizes for Sept.-Dec. Big Buck Contest results awarded at the gala.

For more information and details, call 435-8061

## Venison Cook-off:

Three cooking categories judged (deer chili, deer sausage, deer steaks). Sign up for one cooking category at Fort Stewart Pass & Permit Office. Only one entry per Family. Entry fee \$7.

Prizes include: 1st- \$60; 2nd- \$40; and 3rd- \$20 for each category.

Cook-Off will take place at same time as the Wildlife Gala.



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For those interested in picnicking, there are public rest rooms, a picnic pavilion and picnic tables with a grill located near the museum parking lot, and a covered shelter is located at the end of the Jenckes Road Trail.

Be sure to check out the gift shop and canal artifacts on display in the museum, along with several vintage photos of the canal in its hey-day.

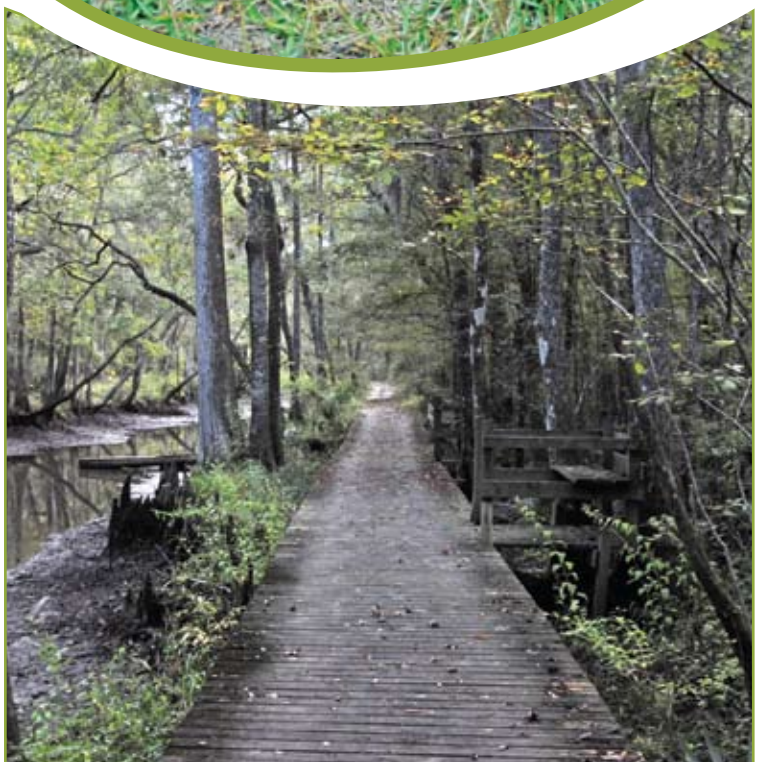
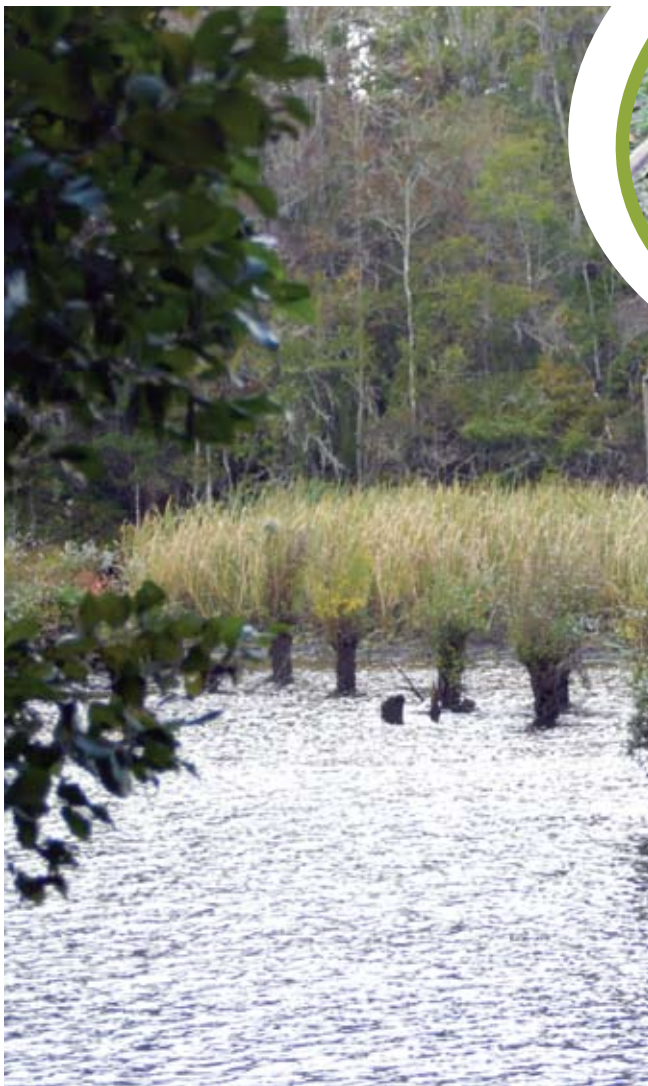
The Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center is owned by the city of Savannah, maintained by Chatham County and operated by the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society.

There is a \$2 per adult and \$1 per child admission cost. Call (912) 748-8068 or go to [www.savannahogeecheecanal.com](http://www.savannahogeecheecanal.com) for more information.

Plan a day trip to the *Savannah-Ogeechee Canal*, and take a walk into the past.



Photo by Jan Blackshire, museum director for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center





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# Gatlinburg Trip Skiing & Sightseeing

**January 15-17** (registration deadline Jan. 4)

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The \$300 cost includes 2-night stay w/hotel accommodation  
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For details, call Leisure Travel Office at 767-2841.



## Hawks vs. Celtics Basketball Trip January 29 (registration deadline Dec. 15)

Depart Fort Stewart's  
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Come see an exciting 7:30 p.m.  
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# Spiritual Fitness

## Faith Group Awareness

FGAP is an educational series devoted to increasing understanding and tolerance among faith groups. Each quarter a distinctive faith group is showcased. FGAP is open to all Soldiers, their Families and Army Civilians. Contact Mike Iliff at 767-9789.

## Operation Helping Hand

OHH is the Commander's ongoing emergency food assistance program for Soldiers and their Families. The program is managed and funded by the installation chaplain.

Soldiers and Family Members needing to use this program should contact their unit chaplain.

## Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, 767-9789 • Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Cherish Kulka, 767-6825 • Hunter Youth Ministry Coordinator, Charles Archer, 315-5934 • Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, 315-5440

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Service	Location	Time
<b>Catholic</b>		
Saturday Vigil Mass .....	Main Post Chapel .....	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....	Main Post Chapel .....	9 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship .....	Marne .....	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship .....	Main Post Chapel .....	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship .....	Marne .....	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship .....	Heritage .....	11 a.m.
Kids' Church (K to 6th grade) ....	Across from Dia. Elem.....	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday) .....	Main Post Chapel .....	9:30 a.m.

### Islamic

Friday Jum'ah .....

Marne .....1:30 p.m.

Contact Spc. Lugman at [wallead.lugman@us.army.mil](mailto:wallead.lugman@us.army.mil)

### Jewish

Friday..... Heritage ..... 11:30 a.m

Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at [harold.crowther@amed.army.mil](mailto:harold.crowther@amed.army.mil)

### Hunter Army Airfield

**Catholic**  
Sunday Mass..... Chapel ..... 11 a.m.

### Protestant

Sunday Service..... Chapel ..... 9 a.m.



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## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For meeting information, contact  
Jerry Thompson,  
Fort Stewart Youth  
Ministry Coordinator  
at (912) 920-9982.

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